

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Although it is firmly believed that all claims in the previous amendment were patentably distinct from the prior art cited by the Examiner, Applicants request that Examiner please cancel Claims 12-21 without disclaimer, in order to expedite the processing of this application.

**Allowable subject matter**

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-11 and 22, 25, and 26 are allowable as amended in the response to the previous office action.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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